

## RUSSIANS' MAIN FORCE MAY BE ANNIHILATED BY OYAMA BEFORE THEY REACH MUKDEN

**Report Comes that Rear Guard Has Been Wiped Out and that Whole Army Is in Imminent Danger.**

**Preparations for Evacuation of Mukden Are Said to Be in Progress Which Would Indicate that Slav Army Was Terribly Crippled in Fighting at Liao Yang—Kuropatkin and Oyama Are Racing for Mukden.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—It is reported at a late hour that Kuropatkin's rear guard has been almost annihilated, and that the main Russian army is in imminent danger of being surrounded.

### KUROPATKIN'S FORCE CUT OFF.

London, Sept. 6.—The Daily Mail this morning prints a dispatch from Simintin, dated September 5, giving the report that Kuropatkin's retreat has been cut off. The dispatch goes on to say the Russian troops had advanced in strong force to the southeast of Mukden as far as Japing hill to oppose any possible attack in the direction of their advance.

### RUSSIANS WILL ABANDON MUKDEN.

Mukden, Sept. 5.—Preparations for the evacuation of Mukden are proceeding. The Japanese advance is within 30 miles.

The forces of Kuropatkin and Oyama are racing for Mukden. This much stands out in the news of today and is indicated in the report forwarded by Kuropatkin, who says his retreat is being conducted in perfect order, though the Japanese on Sunday repeatedly attacked his rear and continued to attack until Monday. The result of the race is in doubt.

The united Russian forces are now north of Yental, a station on the railway about 10 miles northeast of Liao Yang. They are pushing on to Mukden, to which the bulk of the Japanese forces is marching direct, after having swarmed across the Taitze river. A strong Japanese flanking column is about 30 miles northeast of Liao Yang and is trying to get between the Russian forces and Mukden.

With this race in progress, there comes a brief dispatch from Mukden saying preparations for evacuation are proceeding.

It was reported in St. Petersburg at a late hour Monday night that Kuropatkin's rear guard had been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army is in danger of being surrounded. Kuropatkin, in his report, makes no mention of the abandonment of 200 guns at Liao Yang, a rumor to which effect is in circulation.

Advices from Port Arthur by way of Chefoo bring the fighting there up to September 2 and say the Japanese losses were very heavy.

### RUSSIANS ON THE RUN.

**Kuropatkin's Army Pushing North in Direction of Mukden.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—A summary of the war situation to date shows that the whole of the Russian army, or at least the main portion of it, is already above Yental station and pushing toward Mukden.

Oyama's entire army has crossed the Taitze river and part of it is hanging on Kuropatkin's flank.

A strong flanking column on the east is pushing rapidly north in an effort to head off the Russians. Against this column Kuropatkin has sent out a strong cavalry division to the northeast, which, it is believed, already is in position to check the Japanese flankers, while to the westward Kuropatkin is moving a division toward Singmintin, 30 miles west of Mukden to meet any interference that may be attempted from the direction of Yinkow or New Chwang.

Oyama's advance is reported to be engaging the Russian rear, but the attack is expected to not develop anything more serious than a series of rear guard actions tending to harass Kuropatkin's retreat.

The Japanese have thrown a strong flanking column across the Taitze river at Bentzu, about 30 miles northeast

of Liao Yang. This column is hurrying to the northeast and endeavoring to get in between the Russian army and Mukden. Against this movement Kuropatkin has dispatched General Rennenkampf, with a strong Cosack division, which, it is believed, is already blocking the eastern high road. Kuropatkin has three roads over which he is marching toward Mukden, besides a triple tracked railroad. The latter is chiefly occupied in the transportation of guns and equipment.

Kuropatkin, in a telegram to the general staff filed at St. Petersburg, Sept. 5, north of Yental, says that the Japanese on Sunday engaged his rear guard south of Yental, the fight continuing until Monday. The telegram details the precautions taken to checkmate the Japanese flankers.

Kuropatkin estimates his loss up to and including September 4 at 16,000. This is considered to be a very conservative figure. The loss to the Japanese probably will be double this number, owing to their position as attackers.

Kuropatkin says nothing regarding the loss of guns, but it is probable some of the heavier emplaced guns at Liao Yang had to be abandoned.

There is no truth either in the report that Kuropatkin has been wounded or that General Linevitch is moving to his support. General Linevitch is still at Vladivostok.

### RETREATED IN GOOD ORDER.

**Kuropatkin's Rear Guard Stops Pursuit of Japanese.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—Kuropatkin has telegraphed the emperor as follows:

"The retreat of our troops from Liao Yang on the right bank of the Taitze river, September 4, was carried out in good order.

"The enemy's pursuit was stopped by our rear guard.

"During September 4 the Japanese strengthened their forces operating against our left flank, extending their lines from the Yental mines northward. The Japanese also, September 4, crossed from Liao Yang and its environs."

### SHELLING JAP POSITIONS.

**Russians Have Posted Naval Guns on Nearby Mountain.**

London, Sept. 5.—The Chefoo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the Russians have mounted two 12-inch naval guns on Parapoloschne mountain, close to the city of Port Arthur, from which they are shelling the Japanese positions.

### BALTIC FLEET TO SAIL.

**But Will Not Go to Far East if Port Arthur Falls.**

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is reported that the Baltic squadron will sail a week from this date by way of the Mediterranean, but that it will not pro-

ceed to the far east if Port Arthur falls.

### Assassin Did Not Escape.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—There is no truth in the statement printed in London that Samsonoff, the murderer of Interior Minister Von Plehve, has succeeded in escaping from prison.

### Many Japs Killed.

Chefoo, Sept. 5.—Advices from Port Arthur say that, following the terrible bombardment of the fortress for the five days ending September 1, heaps of Japanese bodies were removed by Chinese under orders given by the Port Arthur authorities.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 5.—Senator Platonoff, a member of the council of the empire, has been appointed minister of the interior and chief of the Russian police, in succession to the late Von Plehve.

## FREDERICK OF GERMANY BETHROTHED

**Engagement of Crown Prince to Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin Given Out.**

**Strong Dynastic Reasons Are Supposed to Be Responsible for the Match.**

Berlin, Sept. 5.—The Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, whose betrothal to Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany was announced last night, is a tall, slight girl, light-haired and brown-eyed. Although she could scarcely be called pretty, she has a vivid complexion and is of spritely demeanor.

The only time the duchess and the crown prince have been seen together in public was a few evenings ago. The crown prince had called on her and her mother at the Kaiserhof hotel just before they left for home. After talking with them for an hour, the crown prince took them to the station in an automobile and found that the train did not start for an hour. He then asked them to drive round the city, and with them went through the principal streets, which started the first talk of an engagement.

It is impossible to say whether it is a love match or not. Strong dynastic reasons for the marriage exist. Only once during the last century, in the case of Frederick III, has a Prussian king taken a wife except from a German princely house. The emperor desires to bring the Cumberland, Danish and Netherlands courts into closer relations with the grand court. The duchess Cecelia's brother, the grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, married this June the Princess Alexandra, second daughter of the duke of Cum-

## EFFECT OF LOSS OF MUKDEN WILL BE SERIOUS TO SLAVS

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6, 3:20 a. m.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any statement from the authorities regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden.

This is the first intimation that such was contemplated. If it turns out to be true, it means the abandonment of the whole of southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign. In fact, should Mukden be evacuated, there would be no point for wintering an army of a quarter of a million, with its many wounded, short of Harbin.

On the other hand, the evacuation of Mukden would give Oyama a commodious winter quarters and practical control of two lines of railway. The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well founded, would indicate a crippling effect of the Liao Yang fighting more serious than had yet been intimated.

berland, a sister of the future queen of Denmark.

The Duchess Cecelia is also a niece by marriage of the Prince Consort of Holland. The best loved of Prussian queens, Louise, was of the same family, but of the Sertilz branch.

The grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who is at the Bristol hotel here, set any doubt of the betrothal at rest this morning by telegraphing an official announcement to his cabinet.

### SWIMMING CONTEST STARTS.

**First of the Events Captured by E. Rausch of Germany.**

St. Louis, Sept. 5.—The swimming events which mark the continuation of the world's Olympic renewal were held today in the pool of the United States life saving corps, which was surrounded by immense crowds. The tournament, which was open to the swimmers of the world, had entries from Hungary and Germany, as well as from various parts of this country.

In the first event, the one-mile championship, E. Rausch of Germany beat the world's record of 28:05 2-5. His time was 27:18 1-5. He won the race by 75 yards.

### Clifford Beats Fredericks.

Great Falls, Mont., Sept. 5.—Jack Clifford knocked out "Kid" Fredericks in the 10th round tonight.

## FAMILY FUED MAY FOLLOW THE KILLING

**West Virginians in Trouble Over an Old Account and Shooting Results in Death of Two Men.**

**Five Others Are Wounded, One of Them Fatally So, at Green Shoals.**

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 5.—As the result of an attempt to collect a long-standing bill by a clerk in a country store at Green Shoals, 20 miles south of here, today, two men were killed, one was fatally injured and another seriously injured and two more men who escaped and have disappeared, are supposed to be injured. The fight may result in another bloody feud.

The trouble started over an attempt by John Lambert to collect an account against William Adams. The men engaged in an argument several days ago. Adams was with friends at the time, and after heated words, struck Lambert, who was alone. Lambert did not fight, but today, while with his two brothers, he came upon Adams, in company with George Mead. The fight was renewed upon sight and resulted in the death of Adams, the fatality of Mead, the wounding of Lambert and the death of an onlooker. The Lambert brothers, who escaped to the mountains, are thought to be injured.

### Electrocuted at Auburn.

Auburn, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Giuseppe Versaccia, the accomplice of Antonio Giorgio in the murder of John Vangorder and his half-sister, Miss Farnham, at West Almond last May, was put to death in the electric chair at Auburn prison today. Giorgio was electrocuted last Tuesday. Robbery was the motive for the murder.

## SETTLEMENT OF BIG STRIKE SAID TO HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BY PACKERS AND MEN

**Chicago Tribune Prints Statement That Basis of Settlement Has Been Reached With Labor Unions.**

**States That Wages Are to Be the Same as Before the Strike Was Ordered; That Packers Are to Re-employ Old Men, and to Give Them the Preference—Plans Were Laid With the Greatest Secrecy and Care.**

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Indications tonight are that the stockyards strike that began two months ago will be called off within 24 hours. Through the medium of a middleman, negotiations were begun today in an effort to secure an understanding with the packers on which the striking unions can rely as a basis for abandoning the strike tomorrow afternoon.

According to the plans tonight, an answer is to be submitted tomorrow by the packers in time for it to be reported at a special meeting of the allied trades council. This meeting has been called for early in the forenoon. If the packers give encouraging assurances to the strikers, messengers will be sent at once to the local bodies. The unions, it is said, will then vote on discontinuing the strike, and their referendum vote will be reported at once to the meeting of the allied trades council.

Chicago, Sept. 5.—The Tribune today says:

As the result of a conference just held between representatives of the unions involved in the packing house strike and of the owners of the plants, the end of the long labor struggle is set for the middle of this week.

An understanding was arrived at by which the men will meet today or tomorrow and vote on the question of calling off the strike. According to the plans made, they will be instructed to cast their ballots in the affirmative.

These plans were made with secrecy and care. They originated a week ago in Chicago with certain of the packers and of the conservative labor leaders. Fearing the execution of the scheme would fail if attempted in Chicago, it was determined to make the first move in New York.

The ending of the strike in the eastern city by the vote of the men on Saturday was this first step. The settlement there made was the same as that now proposed for Chicago.

The following are the chief points of

the arrangement: The unions to call off the strike. The packers to re-employ as many of the strikers as they can give work to, and to give the preference to the former employees in the future; as many of the new workers as wish to remain are to be retained. Wages of the skilled men to remain at the rate paid before the strike.

The packers, who have often declared they would not meet the laboring men, will undoubtedly deny today that a conference has been held. But the fact remains that duly authorized representatives of the owners of the packing plants did meet the labor men.

What doubt existed as to the position of the switchmen in the strike has been dispelled by Grand Master Frank Hawley of the organization. Hawley, at a meeting of the union, said the men would remain at work. The first serious break in the stockyards strike in Chicago came last night, when 50 striking livestock handlers were reinstated and at once resumed their former duties.

### NELSON MUCH IMPROVED.

**Wounded Portland Policeman Will Undoubtedly Recover.**

Telegram: "All symptoms this morning are propitious. If Officer Nelson took a turn for the worse it would be a great surprise to me. There is every indication that he will have a speedy recovery. He had an exceptionally restful night last night. Of course he will not be past danger for a few days yet, but as long as he is recovering as nicely as he is at present I shall be satisfied."

Such was the statement made this morning by George Wilson, who has been attending Police Officer Nelson, who was shot down by the boy highwayman, Charlie Walton, last Thursday night. The attending physician was much pleased over the condition of the officer this morning. There were indications yesterday that complications might set in, but all of these were absent this morning.

The officer is decidedly weak, and under the conditions he can gain strength but slowly. No one is allowed to see him except his wife, who is constantly at his bedside.

### TO MEMORY OF JEWISH SOLDIERS

**Cornerstone of Monument Laid at Brooklyn Cemetery.**

New York, Sept. 5.—The cornerstone of a handsome monument to the memory of union soldiers of the Jewish faith who fell in the civil war was laid today in Salem Field's cemetery Cypress hills, Brooklyn, under the auspices of the Hebrew Union Veteran Association. The shaft will be 52 feet high and cost about \$15,000. It is thought to be one of the first, if not the first, erected to the memory of Hebrew soldiers.

**Killed in Elevator Accident.**

Boston, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Imogene W.

Eddy, oldest daughter of Nathaniel P. Willis, the poet, has lost her life in an elevator accident at her apartments here.

When about to enter the lift, her foot caught in some manner and she fell from the fourth floor to the bottom of the shaft. Mrs. Eddy was 60 years old.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

#### Pacific Coast.

At San Francisco—First game: Portland, 0; Oakland, 2. Second game: Oakland, 3; Portland, 0.

At Los Angeles—San Francisco, 5; Los Angeles, 0.

At Tacoma—First game: Seattle, 7; Tacoma, 0. Second game: Seattle, 0; Tacoma, 4.

#### Pacific National.

At Spokane—Salt Lake, 2; Spokane, 6.

At Butte—Boise, 9; Butte, 2; seven innings.

#### American.

At Cleveland—First game: St. Louis, 3; Cleveland, 4. Second game: St. Louis, 5; Cleveland, 2.

At Boston—First game: Washington, 5; Boston, 12. Second game: Washington, 3; Boston, 8.

At New York—First game: Philadelphia, 1; New York, 2. Second game: Philadelphia, 7; New York, 2.

At Detroit—First game: Chicago, 5; Detroit, 2. Second game: Chicago, 4; Detroit, 6.

#### National.

At New York—First game: Boston, 1; New York, 6. Second game: Boston, 3; New York, 4.

At Philadelphia—First game: Brooklyn, 4; Philadelphia, 1. Second game: Brooklyn, 3; Philadelphia, 2.

At Pittsburgh—First game: Cincinnati, 5; Pittsburgh, 2. Second game: Cincinnati, 0; Pittsburgh, 1.

At St. Louis—First game: Chicago, 3; St. Louis, 1. Second game: Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 2.